

# Weekly Views

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Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner Bruce Lemmon addressed more than 350 community corrections staff attending the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties' statewide conference. Commissioner Lemmon spoke about HB1006 and the value of community corrections agencies to divert offenders from IDOC.

Did you know that you can help raise money for the Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund of Indiana (CPAFI) just by searching on the Internet? Whether at work or at home, choose [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as your search engine, and you could help raise money for your favorite charity. To support the CPAFI, simply submit "Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund of Indiana" when you "choose your cause" during registration.

The offenders in the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program at the Indiana State Prison (ISP) made donations to two organizations. At the PLUS unit's monthly meeting, checks were presentation to the YWCA of North Central Indiana for \$250 and Caps for Kids c/o Northwest Indiana Catholic Gary Diocese for \$250. The PLUS unit also donated hand-crocheted hats and scarves to both organizations. (photo right)



Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility's Clean Lifestyle Is Freedom Forever (CLIFF) unit conducted a graduation ceremony for five CLIFF participants. Since 2005, the facility has graduated 350 students from the program. In addition to maintaining a full time treatment schedule, the students are also required to complete a full time academic and GED schedule. In this group, four of the students also earned their GED while enrolled in the CLIFF program.



Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) Superintendent Mark Levenhagen announced George Payne as the facility's new Custody Supervisor. Major Payne, who previously served as captain in the Westville Control Unit, will lead the custody team at the 3300 offender facility. Major Payne began his DOC career in 1991 and has worked his way up the custody ladder at WCC and ISP. (photo left)

The National Headquarters of the American Legion sent magazine staff to Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) for an upcoming article that will feature MCF American Legion Post 555. The American Legion representatives attended Post 555's monthly meeting. When National Commander Daniel Dellinger attended a Post 555 meeting in October, he was so impressed by their meeting and their color guard that he is promoting the creation of American Legion prison posts in his home state of Virginia. The

state had previously been opposed to the idea.

Virginia "Ginny" Cain, Indianapolis Regional Director for U.S. Senator Dan Coats, toured the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) to learn about the daily operations at the male level-one security facility. Isaac Randolph, IDOC Deputy Director of Transition and Reentry, accompanied Ms. Cain on the tour. Throughout the tour, they spoke with many residents about their incarceration experiences thus far and how IREF has impacted their thinking and reentry processes in a positive manner. IREF was the last of several IDOC facilities visited by staff members from Senator Coats' office. (photo right)



The Pendleton Correctional Facility Employee Appreciation Committee conducted a project to benefit the Madison County Animal Protection League (APL). Thanks to the generous donations of staff, \$402 was donated to APL. The facility also provided a significant number of supplies to the APL including dog food, cat food, litter boxes, cat litter, cat litter scoops, bleach, detergents, paper towels, and a variety of treats and toys.



A promise was kept at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). Public Information Officer Rich Larsen challenged staff to reach their State Employee Community Campaign (SECC) goal by offering to have his head shaved if they did. Wabash went over the top by nearly \$300, and Rich had it all taken off the top during the staff re-call meeting. Larsen said WVCF staff really came through for their favorite charities this year especially the CPAFI. WVCF donations went up more than 20% over last year! (photo left)

The Correctional Industrial Facility donated \$750 out of their PLUS fund to the Samaritans Purse International relief fund. Samaritans Purse is an international relief organization helping those in need across the world since 1970. Currently, the organization is focusing heavily on the aftermath of a typhoon in the Philippines.

PLUS offenders sponsored a Church's Chicken fundraiser for the offender population at Putnamville Correctional Facility. 1,010 orders were placed, raising over \$2,000 for the PLUS program. Program Coordinators Karumathil Kumaran and Lynn Kortum will use the proceeds to purchase supplies for the program and for donations to community organizations.